

The absentees appearing within the bar of the Senate, the President announced the call suspended, and on motion of Senator Fountain, the resolution was laid on the table by the following vote :

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Baker, Broughton, Dillard, Ford, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Rawson, Randle, Ruby, Saylor, Tendick, Tracy and Word—17.

Nays—Senators Ball, Cole, Dohoney, Evans, Finlay, Henry, King, Latimer, Pyle, Sayers, Shelley, Swift and Mr. President—13.

Senator Fountain moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

On motion of Senator Ruby, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table by the following vote :

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Baker, Broughton, Ford, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Rawson, Randle, Ruby, Saylor, Tendick, Tracy and Word—16.

Nays—Senators Ball, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Evans, Finlay, Henry, King, Latimer, Pyle, Sayers, Shelley, Swift and Mr. President—14.

On motion of Senator Cole, Senate adjourned till ten o'clock, A. M. to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 25, 1873.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

Senator Avinger asked leave to change his vote on the motion of Senator Ruby to lay Senator Fountain's motion to reconsider the vote tabling the House resolution inviting the Senate to meet the House in joint session to elect a Public Printer, stating that if he had voted in the affirmative, it was done under a misapprehension of the question.

The President decided that he could not be allowed, under the rules of the Senate, to change his vote after the result had been announced.

Journal adopted.

Senator Sayers presented petition of sundry citizens of Bastrop county, to prohibit the sale of liquor within one

mile of Round Rock, in Bastrop county. Read and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage by the House of the following bills:

House bill No. 14, to be entitled "An act to repeal section five of an act entitled an act to organize and maintain a system of public free schools in the State of Texas, approved April 24, 1871."

House bill No. 32, entitled "An act to repeal certain sections of an act entitled an act to organize the courts of justice of the peace and County Courts, and to define their jurisdiction and duties, approved August 13, 1870."

House bill No. 59, "An act to reincorporate the city of Navasota, and repeal former act of incorporation."

House bill No. 67, "An act repealing all laws authorizing persons, departments, or heads of departments, or officers of counties, to have printing done at expense of the State."

House bill No. 71, "An act to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts to receive from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States the balance of the fund appropriated by the acts of September 9, 1850, and February 28, 1855, for the payment of the creditors of the late Republic of Texas."

Senator Sayers, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills and joint resolution, and find the same correctly engrossed:

Senate bill No. 11, "An act repealing an act to establish a State police, and provide for the regulation and government of the same, approved July 1, 1870."

Senate bill No. 12, "An act to amend section one of an act to provide for appeals from interlocutory judgments in the district courts of the State, approved November 1, 1870."

Senate bill No. 20, "An act to amend an act to exempt certain persons from serving on juries, passed November 14, 1871."

Senate joint resolution No. 5, requiring the payment of Treasury warrants without regard to date or number.

J. D. SAYERS, Chairman.

Senator Cole, chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims, made the following report:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 5, "An act for the relief of the heirs and assigns of Haynes Crabtree," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

D. W. COLE, Chairman.

Senator Pyle introduced a bill entitled "An act to create the county of Rockwall." Read first time and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Senator King offered the following resolution, which was read and passed to the orders of the day:

Resolved, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to employ two additional clerks, at a cost not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five dollars each per month, during the present session of this Legislature.

Senator Swift introduced a bill, No. ..., "An act to renew and continue in force an act entitled an act to charter the Nacogdoches University, approved February 3, 1845." Read first time.

Senator Dohoney introduced a bill, No. ..., "An act to confer additional jurisdiction on justices of the peace." Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senator Henry introduced a bill, No. ..., "An act to amend section two of an act entitled an act to regulate the disposal of public lands of the State of Texas, approved August 12, 1870." Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Senator Fountain, the Senate went into executive session.

The executive session having arisen, the Senate adjourned until Monday next at 10 o'clock, A. M.